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Right to development

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 33/14, the Human Rights Council established the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to development for a period of three years and requested the Special Rapporteur to report annually to the Council and to the General Assembly.

2. The Human Rights Council appointed Saad Alfarargi as Special Rapporteur at its thirty-fourth session. He formally took up his role on 1 May 2017.

3. In his first report to the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/36/49), drafted in the brief period after he assumed his functions, the Special Rapporteur outlines his preliminary views concerning the background and context of his mandate, highlights particular challenges for its implementation and presents an outline of the preliminary strategy that will inform his work for the remainder of his mandate, including strategic considerations that he will take into account and specific work streams. The report also includes his approach to engagement with stakeholders and his methods of work.

4. Given the brief period since his appointment and the timing of the reporting cycle, the Special Rapporteur intends for his report to the Human Rights Council to be a submission also to the General Assembly. The Secretariat therefore has the honour to refer the Assembly to that report.

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